

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 28, 2003

SENATE BILL

No. 512

Introduced by Senator Figueroa

February 20, 2003

An act to ~~amend Section 36620~~ *add Chapter 6.7 (commencing with Section 36575) to, and Article 3 (commencing with Section 36920) to Chapter 7 of, Division 27 of the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 512, as amended, Figueroa. Natural resources: Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act; *aquaculture*.

Existing

(1) *Existing law regulates aquaculture and provides that the Legislature finds and declares that it is in the state's interest that aquaculture be encouraged.*

This bill would establish the Aquaculture Task Force in the Department of Fish and Game. The bill would require the Aquaculture Task Force to recommend to the Legislature, in a report, standards designed to mitigate the negative impacts of aquaculture on marine ecosystems.

(2) *Existing law establishes a system of marine managed areas (MMAs) in the state, with a mission of ensuring the long-term ecological viability and biological productivity of marine ecosystems and preserving cultural resources in the coastal sea, in recognition of their intrinsic value and for the benefit of future and current generations.*

This bill would ~~make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions~~ establish the Coastal Waters Zoning Task Force in the State Coastal Conservancy. The bill would require the Coastal Waters Zoning

Task Force to evaluate existing uses of MMAs, assess issues concerning the use of existing MMAs that require more information or research, and develop a plan for implementing marine zoning within all MMAs. The bill would require The Coastal Waters Zoning Task Force to submit its determinations in a report to the Legislature.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

~~SECTION 1. Section 36620 of the Public Resources Code is~~
SECTION 1. Chapter 6.7 (commencing with Section 36575)
is added to Division 27 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

CHAPTER 6.7. AQUACULTURE

36575. (a) (1) The Aquaculture Task Force is hereby
established in the Department of Fish and Game.

(2) The Aquaculture Task Force is comprised of:

_____.
(b) The Aquaculture Task Force shall recommend to the
Legislature, in a report, on or before _____, standards
designed to mitigate the negative impacts of aquaculture on
marine ecosystems. The recommended standards shall address all
of the following:

- (1) Siting and construction of facilities used for aquaculture.
- (2) Promotion of indigenous species and species that are not
dependent on high levels of fish meal and fish oil.
- (3) Protection of water quality.
- (4) Prevention of biological pollution through pathogens,
parasites, and escaped fish.

(c) For purposes of this section, 'aquaculture' means the
culture and husbandry of aquatic organisms, including, but not
limited to, fish, shellfish, mollusks, crustaceans, kelp, and algae,
but does not mean the culture and husbandry of commercially
utilized inland crops, including, but not limited to, rice,
watercress, and bean sprouts.

SEC. 2. Article 3 (commencing with Section 36920) is added
to Chapter 7 of Division 27 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

Article 3. Coastal Waters Zoning Task Force

36920. (a) (1) The Coastal Waters Zoning Task Force is hereby established in the State Coastal Conservancy.

(2) The Coastal Waters Zoning Task Force is comprised of: _____.

(b) (1) The Coastal Waters Zoning Task Force shall evaluate existing uses of MMAs, assess issues concerning the use of existing MMAs that require more information or research, and develop a plan for implementing marine zoning within all MMAs.

(2) The Coastal Waters Zoning Task Force shall, on or before _____, submit a report to the Legislature setting forth the determinations made pursuant to paragraph (1).

amended to read:

~~36620. —The mission of the state MMA system is to ensure the long-term ecological viability and biological productivity of marine ecosystems and to preserve cultural resources in the coastal sea, in recognition of their intrinsic values and for the benefit of current and future generations. In support of this mission, the Legislature finds and declares that there is a need to reexamine and redesign California’s array of MMAs, to establish and manage a system using science and clear public policy directives to achieve all of the following objectives:~~

~~(a) Conserve representative or outstanding examples of marine habitats, biodiversity, ecosystems, and significant natural and cultural features or sites.~~

~~(b) Support and promote marine research, education, and science-based management.~~

~~(c) Help ensure sustainable uses of marine resources.~~

~~(d) Provide and enhance opportunities for public enjoyment of natural and cultural marine resources.~~